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SUBJECT: WIRE REPORTS FROM TRAVELING PRESS ON ANGOLA,  
 O DAY P.M., DECEMBER 15.  
 FOR FUNSETH FROM S/PRS ANDERSON  
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1. AP, SCHWEID, PARIS - "FORD ADMIN'S DECISION LAST SUMMER  
 TO SHIP MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO ANTI-MARXIST FACTIONS IN  
 ANGOLA WAS MADE BY PRESIDENT AT STRONG URGING OF SECSTATE  
 KISSINGER BUT AGAINST ADVICE OF OTHERS IN STATE DEPT, A  
 SENIOR U.S. OFFICIAL SAID TONIGHT.

WHILE HAK RECOMMENDED AN ACTIVE PROGRAM TO OFFSET SOVIET AID  
 TO POPULAR MOVEMENT FOR LIBERATION OF ANGOLA -- MPLA --  
 NATHANIEL DAVIS, ASST SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS,  
 FAVORED A DIPLOMATIC APPROACH TO GROWING CONFLICT, NEWSMEN  
 WERE TOLD.

DAVIS RESIGNED AFTER INTELLIGENCE SPECIALISTS WENT ALONG WITH  
 HAK, SAID SENIOR OFFICIAL, WHO BARRED USE OF HIS NAME. HE  
 SAID EVERY AGENCY INVOLVED EXCEPT HAK'S OWN DEPT APPROVED  
 SHIPPING SUPPLIES TO NATIONAL FRONT FOR LIBERATION OF ANGOLA  
 --FNLA--AND UNION FOR TOTAL INDEPENDENCE OF ANGOLA --UNITA.  
 FORD GAVE GREEN LIGHT."

"INTELLIGENCE CONSENSUS AT TIME WAS THAT UNLESS U.S. UNDER-  
 TOOK AN ACTIVE PROGRAM OF SUPPORT MARXISTS WOULD ACHIEVE A  
 COMMANDING POSITION WITHIN WEEKS, NEWSMEN WERE TOLD.

BESIDES, OFFICIAL SAID, IF A GREAT POWER DOES NOTHING IN  
 SUCH SITUATIONS IT CEASES TO BE A GREAT POWER.

ON OTHER HAND, IT IS HAK'S VIEW THAT AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR  
 FNLA AND UNITA COULD CAUSE SOVIETS TO BACK OFF -- PROVIDED  
 ADMINISTRATION POLICY GAINS AMERICAN PUBLIC SUPPORT.

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DOMESTIC CRITICISM OF U.S. INTERVENTION IS FORM OF POST-VIETNAM MASOCHISM -- SELF-TORTURE -- WITH POLITICAL OVERTONES, OFFICIAL SUGGESTED. HE INSISTED THAT WASHINGTON GAVE ANTI-MARXIST FORCES ONLY MINOR SUPPORT UNTIL SOVIETS BEGAN MASSIVE ARMS SHIPMENTS TO MPLA. ONLY THEN, HE SAID, DID U.S. DECIDE TO START ITS OWN SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR MPLA'S OPPONENTS."

2. RUTERS, PARIS - COVERT AMERICAN SUPPORT TO TWO FACTIONS IN ANGOLA LAST SPRING WAS TOO SMALL TO JUSTIFY SUBSEQUENT SOVIET ARMS SUPPLIES TO RIVAL POPULAR MOVEMENT FOR LIBERATION OF ANGOLA, A SENIOR U.S. OFFICIAL SAID TODAY.

OFFICIAL LEFT IMPRESSION, HOWEVER, THAT U.S. HAD BEEN FIRST TO BEGIN CLANDESTINE AID TO RIVAL GROUPS IN ANGOLAN NATIONAL LIBERATION STRUGGLE.

OFFICIAL TOLD REPORTERS ACCOMPANYING SECSTATE, WHO ARRIVED HERE TONIGHT FOR A TWO DAY ECONOMIC CONFERENCE, THAT INITIAL U.S. AID WAS IN NO WAY AIMED AT SECURING TERRITORIAL GAINS IN ANGOLA.

HE INSISTED THAT EVEN NOW WITH HEAVY SOVIET ARMS DELIVERIES TO MPLA, U.S. WAS NOT SENDING MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO RIVAL NATIONAL FRONT FOR LIBERATION OF ANGOLA (FNLA) AND UNION FOR TOTAL INDEPENDENCE OF ANGOLA (UNITA).

OFFICIAL ALSO INSISTED THAT U.S. WOULD NOT COOPERATE WITH SOUTH AFRICA, WHICH IS ALSO OPPOSING MPLA.

REPORTS THAT NATHANIEL DAVIS, WHO RESIGNED AS ASST. SEC STATE FOR AFRICA AFFAIRS, HAD BEEN DISMISSED BECAUSE HE OPPOSED CIA INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA WERE INCORRECT, OFFICIAL SAID. MR. DAVIS WAS NOT DISMISSED, HE SAID.

EVIDENCE HAS MOUNTED DURING DR. KISSINGER'S EUROPEAN TOUR, HOWEVER, FROM REPORTS BOTH HERE AND IN WASHINGTON THAT MR. DAVIS HAD DELAYED REPORTING MPLA SUCCESSES IN ANGOLA UNTIL TOO LATE."

"MR. DAVIS, WHO HAD COME UNDER HEAVY CONGRESSIONAL CRITICISM BECAUSE HE WAS AMBASSADOR TO CHILE DURING CIA ATTEMPTS TO UNDERMINE ALLENDE GOVT, MAY HAVE FEARED BEING INVOLVED IN A NEW CIA SCANDAL IF HE REPORTED THAT COMMUNIST-BACKED MPLA WAS ABOUT TO TAKE POWER, INFORMED OBSERVERS SAID."

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